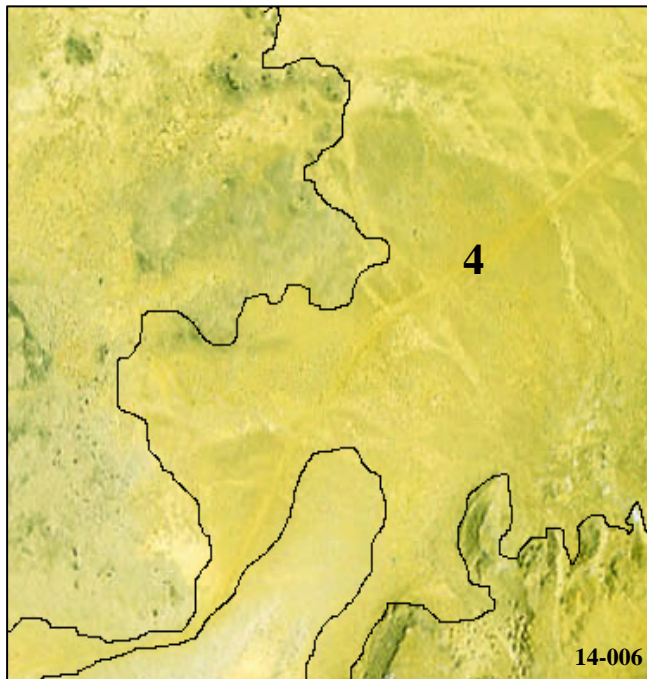


Mound Saltbush Badlands Sparse Vegetation (4)

Location. This type is restricted to Moenkopi lowlands on the Navajo Nation east of the Little Colorado River. The vegetation is sparse, and consists primarily of small mound saltbush shrubs and scattered clumps of alkali sacaton. Some areas show evidence of occasional surface flow.



Photosignature. Because the vegetation in the map class is extremely sparse, the signature resembles poorly vegetated areas west of the Little Colorado River. The signature varies somewhat because of differences in dust and salt deposits at the surface, but is generally a smooth pale orange with large grayish splotches. Rare floods create characteristic streaking in the direction of flow (seen in the upper right-hand corner of the photograph).